

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICY

As members of a paramilitary organization, officers of the Department, especially while in uniform, are expected by the public to comport themselves with a military bearing. The following guidelines are offered for situations involving military courtesy.

PROCEDURES

I. Saluting the Colors; National Anthem

- A. All members of the Department, while in uniform, shall salute all national colors, not cased, when carried on any public occasion, to include flag draped caskets.
- B. All members of the Department, while in uniform, including headgear, shall stand at attention and salute when the National Anthem is played. They shall salute the colors, if present, or face the music and salute in the absence of the flag.
- C. Members in plainclothes, or in uniform without headgear, shall stand at attention and place their right hand over their heart during the playing of the National Anthem.
- D. All members of the Department shall render the proper honor and respect due the American flag and National Anthem not specifically covered in this order.

II. Alma Mater

All members of the Department, while in uniform, assigned to or attending any event at which any school alma mater is played, will stand at attention, facing the music, until the end of said alma mater.

III. Uniform Attendance at Funerals

All members of the Department, while in uniform, shall adhere to the following guidelines when attending or acting as pallbearers at funerals:

- 1. Regulation uniforms shall be worn, including the uniform hat; no baseball caps shall be worn.
- 2. Hats off and carried while inside funeral home, with the exception of Honor Guard members.
- 3. Hats on upon leaving funeral home as casket bearers;
- 4. Hats on during any march alongside hearse from funeral home to church.
- 5. Hats on during attendance as casket bearers from hearse to church entrance.
- 6. Hats off and held over heart upon entrance to church.
- 7. Hats on during sermon or eulogy at cemetery or burial place.
- 8. Hats off and held over heart during any grave side prayers.
- 9. Proper salute to be rendered as directed during any gun salute, presentation of colors or playing of "Taps".